

## NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

**NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research  
Postdoctoral & Graduate Student Fellowship Grant

**GRANT PROGRAM NO.** 05-SCR-3**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

NJCSCR Fund Chapter 201 P.L. 1999 NJSA 52:9E-1

**TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:**

Letter of Agreement

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**PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:**

The NJCSCR will fund Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Fellowship grants to attract and retain in New Jersey's qualifying academic research institutions talented young scientists who wish to pursue a career in spinal cord regeneration and repair research. All awards will be made to the research institution in the name of the fellow. All proposals are viewed by a panel of independent scientific experts who are appointed by the NJCSCR. The panel will evaluate candidates on academic qualifications, the scientific merit of the proposed research project and its relevance to the research priorities of the NJCSCR, the qualifications of the candidate's mentor, the adequacy of facilities, and institutional support.

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**AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:**

Postdoctoral Fellowships are two-year awards of \$50,000 per annum. They provide an annual stipend of \$36,000, a research allowance of \$13,000, and a travel budget of \$1,000. No part of the award may be used for institutional overhead or indirect costs. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards, or other NJCSCR monies. A candidate may not apply for a NJCSCR Postdoctoral Fellowship and a NJCSCR Individual Research grant in the same grant cycle. If a first-year fellow applies for and is awarded a NJCSCR Individual Research grant, funding will be contingent upon cancellation of the second year of the fellowship. Non-research activities, such as teaching, may not occupy more than 10% of the fellow's time.

Graduate Student Fellowships are two-year awards of \$30,000 per annum. They provide an annual stipend of \$25,000, a research allowance of \$4,000, and a travel budget of \$1,000. No part of this award may be used for institutional overhead, or for tuition. Institutions may supplement stipends, but not with other full-time fellowship awards or other NJCSCR monies. Applicants may serve as teaching assistances while holding a NJCSCR Graduate Student Fellowship without special permission.

Awards will begin on or about December 15, 2004. The NJCSCR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program 05-SCR-3 as well as among the NJCSCR's other grant programs 05-SCR-1, 05-SCR-4, 05-SCR-5.

The NJCSCR reserves the right not to fund any grants in this program 05-SCR-3 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Grant awards to all four programs (05-SCR-1, 05-SCR-3, 05-SCR-4, 05-SCR-5) will not exceed \$4,000,000. Each funding award within the two-year period will be contingent upon the availability of funds. All Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Fellows must submit a first-year Progress Report accompanied by a letter of support from the fellow's mentor. Second-year fellowship funding is contingent upon the successful review of the first-year Progress Report and a recommendation from the mentor. Any change in relationship between the fellow and the mentor, or between the fellow and the host institution will require the submission of a new, competing application by the fellow as opposed to a Progress Report. An Evaluation Form must be submitted to the NJCSCR office each year for two years following termination of the Fellowship grant.

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**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants.
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant.

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**GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:**

All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply for Fellowship grants under this program. A qualifying institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private institution or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, and specifically approved by the vote of the Commission, but in no case can an individual be a qualifying research institution.